असिया ब्राउन बावेरी इलैक्ट्रिक लोको मोटिव सौदे की केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो द्वारा जांच

400. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
चौधरी हरि सिंह :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो असिया ब्राउन बावेरी इलेक्ट्रिक लोकोमोटिव सौदे की जांच कर रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) इस संबंध में कितने लोगों को गिरफ्तार किया गया है ; और

(घ) मामले की वर्तमान स्थिति क्या है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० सी० लेंका) : (क) से (घ). जी नहीं । बहरहाल, केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो ए०बी०बी० रेल इंजन सौदे से संबंधित सरकारी दस्तावेजों की लीकेज के एक मामले की जांच कर रहा है । इस मामले में जो दो व्यक्ति गिरफ्तार किये गये थे उन्हें जमानत पर छोड़ दिया गया है । केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो से मामले के अन्तिम परिणाम की प्रतीक्षा की जा रही है ।

Gauge conversion programme on Miraj-Bangalore and Mehboobnagar-Secundrabad

401. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the **Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to** state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in view of the gauge conversion programme going on Miraj-Bangalore and Mehboobnagar-seconderabad, workload in the Hubli Workshop is coming down in the recent months;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the reduction of work-load has resulted in freezing the vacancies, and if so, the details of such vacancies; and

(d) in view of the reduced work-load, whether some of the idle workers are proposed to be retrenched or shifted to other workshops, and if so, the details of the proposed action plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Periddic Overhaul activity of Metre Gauge coaching stock has been reduced from 150. Four Wheeler units per month to 130 F.W. units per month and M.G. wagons from 300 F.W. units per month to 140 F.W. units per month. Periodic Overhaul activity of M.G. steam locos has been phased out from a level of 2 locos per month.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) There is currently no proposal to retrench or shift the workers to other workshop.

Demand for a new broadgauge rail link between Akola and Hubli

402. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleassd to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand for a new broad-gauge rail link between Ankola and Hubli, has been referred to the Planning Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether this vital link is included in the current plan, and if so, by when the project would be taken up for construction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A survey for construction of new BG line between Ankola and Hubli was carried out in 1992. The cost of 164 kms length of new BG line was assessed at Rs. 236.80 crores with a rate of return of 16.7 per cent. However, in the meantime, conversion of Hospet-Hubli-Goa (489 kms) has been approved under project Unigauge Consequent to this a reappraisal of traffic potential on the line is being done. Further action depend on the results of the reappraisal and availability of resources in the coming years.

उज्जैन-अगरा छोटी लाइन परियोजना का स्थगन

403. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पश्चिमी रेलवे में उज्जैन-अगरा छोटी लाइन परियोजना स्थगित कर दी गयी है और इसकी पटरियों को हटा दिया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार का इसके स्थान पर बड़ी लाइन बिछाने का विचार है ;

(ग) क्या उज्जैन-अगरा रामगंज मंडी रेल लाइन बिछाने के लिए कोई सर्वेक्षण किया गया है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी ब्यौरा तथा सर्वेक्षण के निष्कर्ष क्या है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० सी० लेंका) :(क) जी हां ।

(ख) और (ग) जी नहीं ।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Broad gauge rake for the palace on Wheels

404. SHRIMATI KAMALA SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are specific options Government are considering to raise resources to fund the new broad gauge rake for the Palace on Wheels; and

(b) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Possibilities are being explored of financing the cost of construction of the new broad gauge rake of the Palace on Wheels on a cost-sharing basis with Rajasthan Tourism Development Ctrporation.

Complaints against Engineering Wing of South Central Railway

405. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are certain complaints against Engineering Wing of South Central Railway;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken to redress the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The complaints against Engineering Wing of South Central Railway pertain to acceptance of sub-standard work, irregularities in the processing of tenders, acceptance of high rates, etc.

(c) whenever such complaints are received, investigations are conducted into these complaints by Railway Vigilance. Based on the results of investigations, appropriate disciplinary action is taken against delinquent Railway officials in consultation with the Central Vigilance Ctmmission.

Amount spent on advertisements by South Central Railway

406. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: